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5. Harbor Craft Vessel was assisted by one tug in berthing. [redacted]

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6. Berth [redacted] Mole face was of sufficient length to accommodate three ships of about 10 thousand gross tons each. [redacted] a small wooden watchman's shed was the only structure on the mole. A single track railroad was laid on the loading dock. [redacted]

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7. Naval Vessels Three Soviet submarines were observed [redacted] in the area labeled designator C.

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8. Merchant Vessels [redacted] tanker of about 4500 net tons arrived in ballast [redacted] and berthed at position labeled designator D. A Soviet freighter of about 2500 net tons was berthed at position labeled designator E. A [redacted] tanker of about four thousand net tons was [redacted] at position labeled designator F.

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10. Miscellaneous [redacted] the people at subject port are much more relaxed and talkative since the "new freedom" was gained around the first part of this year [1956]. Controls previously placed on the people have been partially lifted. However, the area is still not prosperous.

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[Comment] [redacted] The brevity of the report is due mainly to language barriers [redacted]

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